



**CENTRAL AFRICAN REGIONAL PROGRAM FOR ENVIRONMENT**

**WWF CARPE II PROJECT**

**ANNUAL WORKPLAN**

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## INTRODUCTION

The second phase of CARPE has given WWF again an opportunity to advance the conservation cause in the Central African region. Built up on the past five years experiences and lessons learned, WWF has received a lump sum of \$1, 801, 310.60 to carry out the following activities in the respective country in the region.

In Dzanga-Sangha Reserve, in Central African Republic:

1. work with the Société de Bois de Bayanga –the logging company to establish and monitor controls on bushmeat hunting and trade, transportation in the logging concession
2. Provide support for on-going management costs for Dzanga-Sangha law enforcement unit
3. Provide curriculum support to the Kongana Regional training center

In Gamba Protected Area Complex, in Gabon:

1. Compile lessons learned on controlling bushmeat and environmental degradation with Oil companies
2. Under Community NRM, assess lessons learned at the Complex to identify community options for intervention points in Sustainable Natural Resource Management

In Minkebe Reserve, Gabon:

1. Test a community participatory mapping in two villages in Cameroon north of the Minkebe Reserve and in the Minkebe-Dja corridor

In addition to those project specific activities, WWF has overarching activities that encompass the three field projects, which are:

1. Providing on site, on the job mentoring for five senior level conservation counterparts (2 in Dzanga-Sangha, 2 in Minkebe and 1 in Gamba) in protected area management and biodiversity conservation, under Conservation Leadership Management.
2. Training and supporting a rapid survey team to survey biodiversity and conservation status of selected forest zones in areas of civil unrest.

Some of these main activity terms have been changed to reflect the reality of the field. For example the first activity of Dzanga-Sangha will be read on the workplan as Commercial Exploitation Control instead of working with Société de Bois de Bayanga (SBB) because this activity involves all the Safari Hunting Associations, Hunter associations as well as the Logging companies. Targeting only the SBB logging company will limit the project's action in bushmeat control.

The community mapping exercise is going to be very expensive to carry out with the amount of funds available. There are no maps for this transboundary area, which means that an enormous sum of money is needed in order to come up with a good product for the entire region. Therefore the project managers are inclined to use the actual fund to carry out socio-economic studies in this trinational area. Any advice on this kind of change from the donor's perspective will be very much appreciated.

Under Conservation Leadership development, the field projects are facing a language barrier. Presently the candidates participating in this leadership development have minimal English level that impedes their participation to the WWF Conservation College as proposed in the original proposal.

Therefore, we propose that these candidates attend intensive English immersion course for three to four months in English Speaking country, preferably here to the United States. Their coming here will allow to get acquainted with our US partners and specially our headquarters and to gain a better understanding of field operations. Any advice on this subject will also be very much appreciated.

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